

AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled).

16. (Original) ~~The~~ A method of identifying a candidate drug for treating Parkinson's disease, comprising contacting claim 15, wherein said a parkin binding polypeptide is selected from synaptotagmin I [[,]] and synaptotagmin XI, or synpasin-like protein with one or more compounds and identifying a compound that alters the activity of said parkin binding polypeptide.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein said compound decreases the activity of said parkin binding polypeptide.

Claims 18-24 (Cancelled).

25. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said parkin binding polypeptide is synaptotagmin I.

26. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said parkin binding polypeptide is synaptotagmin XI.